

picnic, the boys to play ball, etc., and the girls to hide and seek and such other amusements as may please them. Our children's day exercises was a grand success; not near all could gain admittance. Now will say if the plan to get the children to you in order to bless them a good one go and do likewise.

WALTER CLARK.

#### Harvest Home Meeting

The Brethren of the New Enterprise church will hold a harvest basket meeting in the grove adjoining their church house on the 4th Sabbath of August (the 27) to which all are cordially invited. Come with well filled baskets and spend the day in the beautiful grove in prayer and praise and hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ preached.

Our church has been presided over as pastor by brother D. A. Hopkins almost continuously for the past eight years. By his zeal and devotion to the cause of Christ our church is in a united and prosperous condition at this time. WM. P. DRAKE.

Roann, Ind.

#### Southern Virginia Notes

Since our last report the Lord has abundantly blessed this field.

*Dunlaps, Alleghany Co.*—This point is thirteen miles from our nearest congregation and our doctrines are but little known. By request of friends we recently made our second visit and preached three sermons and endeavored to make known our distinctive doctrines. One lady of excellent influence united with the church. This opens a very excellent field for labor and they are calling for a meeting at this place. Who will help bear the burden of giving this people a revival?

*Boon's Chapel, Roanoke Co.*—Having closed a good meeting here but a month before, we stopped another week with the Brethren at this point. The immediate results were seven received into the church, one applicant and one other profession. Several others say they will come soon.

*Piny Hill, Pittsylvania Co.*—The church here was organized a little more than a year ago with about eight members. Last fall eleven were added, so we number about twenty in all. This church is about fifty miles from any other congregation and is numerically and financially weak. We have just commenced a meeting here and good interest is manifested. Will the readers of the EVANGELIST earnestly pray for the success of this meeting. This field is encouraging but it means much hard labor and sacrifice upon the part of the workers. We trust God for an abundant harvest. Brethren, pray mightily for us and the work here.

J. S. BOWMAN.

The God of the Bible is the God of those who have not succeeded. Whenever one has fallen, and lies in defeat or failure, over him bends the heavenly Father in kindly pity, to raise him up and to help him to begin again.

#### Gleanings from the Wayside

The third Sunday was our appointment at College Corner. A good and attentive audience greeted us. Sunday school is moving on; Brother Lawshe, superintendent. There is work for all if all would work; the harvest is ripe but where are the reapers?

The fourth Sunday was our service at Lapaz, Indiana. The prospect is good for future work. Good Sunday-school and willing workers will make it move on gleaning for the Master in the fields of earth.

The fifth Sunday is an extra for us and we visited Bloomer and Pleasant Hill, Ohio, one of our former charges. We were greeted with a large and attentive audience. We were sorry that Brother White, their pastor, could not be present on account of sickness of their little child. Hope it is better now. We are glad that Brother White has the good will of his congregation. Hope he may accomplish great good. It was pleasant to renew old acquaintances but since we last met with them the death angel has claimed his own and they were absent in body but present in memory. "Wont that be a happy meeting?" I expect the last meeting on earth for some of us. We visited old Brother Asher who is nearing the borderland. He said the last sermon he heard was one I preached just a year ago. He has not been able to attend church since but he is fully resigned to the will of the Lord, just waiting for the chariot. Dear brother, it will soon come; we almost hear the rumblings of the wheels in the distance. We are glad that you are ready to go.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

#### Kanemorado Echoes

At the suggestion of E. L. Yoder, former president of Home Mission Board, I left home on July 15, for Douglas Co., Mo., on the summit of the Ozark Mountains. This field is pre-empted so far as Dunkardism is concerned by the Simon-pure Peter Nead type from Floyd Co., Va. I do not wish to cast any reflection, but the most complete back number of Conservatism I have ever met in the West. Brother Rothrock and wife live here who have borne the yoke patiently for a long time, but patience ceases to be a virtue when oppression and wrong become gauling. The exaltation of "the order" above the plain word of God to the "pure in heart" is unbearable, and these souls after a second trial were compelled to withdraw from the organization and seek help from elsewhere. Met them in service on Sunday the 16th of July. A fair representation of the neighbors were out. So far as the Christian element extended it was general and Missionary Baptist, who have a pretty strong hold on this section of country. The former by far the most liberal and tolerant.

The spirit of which Paul complained among the Corinthian brethren, in a denominational way, is very perceivable and great-

ly to the detriment of vital piety and true godliness. "My church" seemingly is uppermost in the mind of each professor and a general feeling of prejudice against Dunkardism on account of its extreme exclusiveness. Brother Rothrock requested the use of the Conservative meeting house which was built by the community largely and with the express understanding that it should be opened to other denominations for services when not occupied by the German Baptists. The trustees gave their consent, but the preachers flatly refused. So we were compelled to continue our services in an old church owned by the Missionary Baptists. Rainy weather prevailed during the meetings hindering many from coming. The farmers were haying, interfering largely also. The heads of families especially were conspicuously absent. Every variety of excuse for non-attendance was advanced, but considering the religious rivalry existing, we concluded it was a plain case of "Don't want to." In their homes they are courteous, kind and hospitable and one can not feel otherwise than welcome, but they are established in the main—religiously. Night after night we met, when not prevented by the rain, and as earnestly and plainly as possible presented the teachings of the gospel from our standpoint, urging the necessity of rejecting creeds, disciplines, confessions, etc., for the truth only as it is in Jesus. "Sailor's reports nor Jonah sermons" will do in this mountain district, continuous, earnest effort only will break down the barriers of prejudice which have been years in operation. We continued services until Sunday morning, July 30. On Saturday the 29th, we repaired to the water-side to administer the ordinance of baptism. In the evening held a love feast with the members at this place. Owing to the rain in the afternoon the attendance was not large, but the order in the main was excellent, and good attention given thru-out.

This was the first feast ever held by the brethren in this part of Mo. Those in attendance were anxious to learn the difference in observance of the ordinances, as much had been said by G. B. opposition, insinuating that we had departed from the truth. Those not prejudiced against the ordinances as kept by the brethren freely expressed themselves satisfied, that we adhered to the Word, and simply had eliminated the traditional feature of the "plain white cap" so much talked about as the emblem of purity, substituting the veil, and permitting the sisters to break the bread among themselves as do the brethren. The feeling toward the Progressives, as we are called in this section, I feel was much improved during our stay, and we sincerely hope it may continue. We left the care of the good begun work in the hands of brother L. D. Rothrock, of Olathe. They kindly invite brethren to come and visit them and share their hospitality. The country is healthful, water is excellent, and to those loving a rolling, mountainous country, inviting.

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